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BRIEFING: JULY 2010 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM 11

TO: Chairman Pringle and Authority Board Members

FROM: Carrie L. Bowen, Deputy Director

DATE: June 25, 2010

RE: Bakersfield to Palmdale Section – Briefing on Initial Alternatives

This agenda item is intended to summarize the progress of the Bakersfield to Palmdale Section, and to recommend the initial alignment alternatives to be carried forward for review during the alternatives analysis (AA) process. The Bakersfield to Palmdale section is approximately 84 miles long, from the Bakersfield Station to the Palmdale Station. The alignment alternatives pass through the communities of Edison, Mojave and Rosamond, and the City of Tehachapi in Kern County and the City of Lancaster in Los Angeles County.

Accomplishments

Accomplishments over the past year have included:

- Conducted Scoping Meetings throughout the corridor and prepared a Scoping Report (available on the Authority's website at <http://www.cahighspeedrail.ca.gov/library> Bakersfield to Palmdale tab)
- Organized Technical Working Groups (TWGs) representing staff of corridor community, city and county jurisdictions and transportation providers and reviewed candidate alignments coming out of the scoping process and held initial TWG meetings
- Identified proposed Initial Alternatives to be evaluated through the Authority's Alternatives Analysis process
- Organized Public Information Meetings in communities along the corridor
- Received input on the Initial Alternatives from the Working Groups and Public

Initial Alternatives Recommended for Consideration

The Initial Alternatives recommended for consideration are described in detail in the attached Initial Alternatives Analysis memorandum.

Staff Recommendation

Staff requests approval of the Initial Alternatives for further Alternatives Analysis.

Attachments:

- ✓ Initial Alternatives Analysis